

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 23rd 2006**

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## **EI Counties Contest**

There was a good turnout in the 2 metres counties contest, which was held last weekend. Despite wet and windy conditions in most of the country, quite a few portable stations were active: these included EI7T/P in Tipperary, EI2SBC/P in Longford, EI4HX/P in Cavan, EI6HB/P in Cork, EI2MRG/P in Mayo, EI1KARG/P in Kerry, MN0LBA/P in Derry and EI7GY/P in Laois. Participants noted a higher than usual number of stations operating SSB, a welcome comeback for the mode that dominated the contest just a few years ago, but which had fallen in popularity in recent years, as FM participation increased.

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## **Mini Marathon**

The Terenure Radio Club will be again providing emergency radio cover for the Women's Mini Marathon event on Monday the 5th of June. All that is required is that you have a 2 metre mobile rig and a valid callsign. If you would like to take part in helping, please contact George EI2CPB on 086-2586103 or e-mail "adjayeg at dcu dot ie".

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Meetings will return to normal for May with the next meeting of Limerick Radio Club taking place on Thursday the 11th of May at 7.30 p.m. in the Limerick Institute of Technology.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

A meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held on Wednesday next the 26th of April at Raheen House Hotel Clonmel at 8 p.m. The meeting is been held for the organising of members to accompany walkers in the Ballyhoura International Walking Festival on April the 28th to May 1st. All are welcome.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting of the group will take place this coming Wednesday the 26th of April at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club meetings are held in the Royal Hotel Roscommon on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8.30 p.m.

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### **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club**

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club (GI3VFW) will be holding its rally at the Discovery Centre, Oxford Island near Lurgan on Sunday the 21st of May. A new and exciting venue right on the shores of Lough Neagh with a Host of attractions for all the family including boat trips, café, bird hides, nature trails, paddling pool, play area, picnic and barbecue areas. There will be a display by Lough Neagh rescue team and rescue vehicle's on site for viewing. This should prove to be a great day out whether you want to browse the radio rally, enjoy the wild life and scenery or take part in the activities you can be sure of an enjoyable day. Bring your binoculars and camcorders.

The site and rally are wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact John, GI0KUH at "j.p.mccabe at btinternet dot com".

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### **Council of Europe 20th Anniversary Contest**

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the creation of the "Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club" - TP2CE, The Council of Europe Radio Club 20th Anniversary Contest" will take place on June the 16th, 17th and 18th 2006 with the call TP20CE.

For more information and contest rules visit, [ewwa.free.fr](http://ewwa.free.fr) which is available in six languages.

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### **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend-2006**

This highly popular and ever growing amateur radio event is on again this year from the 19th to the 20th of August.

In 2005 there were 382 lighthouses in 48 countries that registered. This year's event in

particular will be dedicated to the memory of its founder and main organiser, Mike Dalrymple GM4SUC, who passed away in December 2005.

The event normally starts at 0001 UTC on the first day of the event and ends at 2359 UTC on the Sunday. This year the event will start at 0002 UTC reserving the first minute in silence as a moment of reflection on Mike's life.

The event is a fun weekend designed to promote amateur radio and lighthouses. It is NOT a contest, so take time to have a chat with the stations contacted and maybe get the public involved as well. On the Sunday the International Association of Lighthouse Keepers will hold their Lighthouse Day opening their lighthouses all around the world to the public. Last year some stations even had the media present taking film of the event.

Full guidelines, an online entry form and a list of entrants are all on the ILLW web site at [illw.net](http://illw.net) together with contact details if you need further information.

So, come along grab a lighthouse and join in the fun. It's also a great opportunity to increase your DXCC contacts and other lighthouse awards.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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